



The Rogatchi Foundation

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The Rogatchi Foundation HELICON Award for Inspiration in Art 2020-2021 for SOFIA BECHERUCCI

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The Rogatchi Foundation is pleased to announce its Helicon Award for Inspiration in Art 2020-2021 awarded to *Sofia Becherucci*, for her watercolour works.

The Rogatchi Foundation awarded Sofia for her fine sense of art, compassionate vision, and humanistic approach in her process of creation, which is especially actual and important today.

Sofia Becherucci is to be awarded with The Rogatchi Foundation Special HELICON Award Diploma and valuable artwork, **Michael Rogatchi's** *Rosa di Firenze (2021)* created specifically for her and the Award.



Michael Rogatchi ©. Rosa di Firenze. Indian Ink, oil pastels on dark-blue Italian hand-made cotton paper. 50 x 35 cm. 2021.

By selecting the artwork of a renowned artist depicting the artist's reflection to the lyricism of Italy in general, to Firenze in particular, which is the cradle of the Renaissance, the place in which Michael Rogatchi works a lot, and the native place of our laureate this year Sofia Becherucci, The Rogatchi Foundation would like to emphasise the organic connection of its Helicon Award with Italy, Italian art and culture, the source of inspiration for generations of artists in the past, present and future.

We would like to award Sofia Becherucci for her fine understanding of the purpose of art, palpable humanism in her works, emphatic comforting quality, warmth and soft compassion in her art, and all expressed in a fine and professional way. These qualities and the attitude are especially important at the present time.



Artist Sofia

Becherucci, Milan, Italy.



Sofia Becherucci ©. Il mio mondo speciale. Watercolour on cardboard. 70 x 50 cm. 2020. Artwork submitted to XIII Edition of Il Volo di Pegaso Italian National Arts, Literature and Music Award, 2020-2021.

Sofia Becherucci is Florence born and educated architect and decorator who lives and works in Milan. From 2016 onward, she is focusing on her works in watercolour, and she was successfully participating in a number of art exhibitions in Italy.

This is the second Helicon Award introduced by the Rogatchi Foundation in conjunction with *Il Volo di Pegaso* Italian National Arts, Literature and Music Award conducted by dedicated team of the ISS, Italian National Institute for National Health under the leadership of the ISS director, professor *Domenica Taruscio*.

Since 2020, the Helicon Award has become an annual Special Art Award for Inspiration in Art, to be handed out at the *Il Volo di Pegaso* annual ceremonies in Rome, Italy.

The Rogatchi Foundation Award Committee reviews the artworks of all artists who submit their works to *Il Volo di Pegaso* annual contest, including in all categories of artists, and all categories of visual arts. The Committee also reviews the other art works of the HELICON Award finalists, to make the decision based on a body of work of the artists.

The HELICON Award consists of Special HELICON Diploma of The Rogatchi Foundation for Aspiring Artist in *Il Volo di Pegaso* annual contest and valuable original artwork.

We congratulate Sofia Becherucci for her compassion, understanding, inspiration and talent, and wishing her much success in further pursuing her thoughtful and soulful path in art.

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